

# The Caledonian Mercury.

Edinburgh, Monday, July 20, 1730.

From the Weekly Journal, July 11.

Mr. F. O. G.

I Had the Honour once of writing to your Predecessor, but it was about Affairs of somewhat a different Nature than what I design to propose to you now; yet I think this, at present, is of a greater Concern and more necessary Consequence; for what signifies one ----- of State, who aims only at a few more *Quadrants* than the rest of his Brethren, and to be always pelting at one Person raises but a *Fog*, by means of which, you will find at last that he makes his Escape; but, if you would but put your Eyes abroad, you may see a greater *Fog* arising, but I wish it may not portend a total Destruction to all *Ministers of State*, as well as the Actions of all Mankind, and that is the *allegorizing* Mr. Woolston, Fellow of *Sydney College*.

But I would not have you think that I am now writing *Allegories*, and going to prove that Mr. Woolston is not Mr. Woolston, but some *Grub-Street* Scare-crow *allegoriz'd*; no, Mr. Fog, you must not mistake, and think that I have as yet undergone that Transmutation; but must only wait till Mr. Woolston say the Word.

In short, 'tis my great Concern for my self and Fellow Creatures that put me upon this. To cut off the Actions of all Mankind, and turn them into *Allegories*; (for if one Man's Actions may be allegorized, for the same Reason all may) to do this is more than *Jack the Giant Killer* ever pretended to, who could only kill ten at a Blow; but I fancy this Gentleman, by his Way of Writing, has a Mind to revive the old Way of Transmutation, of turning Men into Beasts, Trees, Stones or whatever comes in his Way. I call him a Gentleman, but God knows whether he be a Gentleman or an *Allegory*, for I know not; but really Mr. Fog, I am afraid that tho' you pass under the Notion of a *Fog* now, that he will *allegorize* you again into a *Mist*.

As for the King and Parliament and Sir R. W. I am horribly afraid he will certainly turn them into *Allegories*; the Taxes and publick Debts have been a long Time so; but what really puts me un-

der the greatest Apprehension is, that he will turn the Sun, Moon and seven Stars into *Allegories*, and then we shall have no Land nor Sea-Marks.

But I have such charitable Thoughts of the Gentleman, that he will turn all Mankind into *Allegories* at the same Time, and then Mr. Woolston and all he has done will be but an *Allegory*, and all is over. But is it not a horrid Shame that you and the *Craftsmen* have been so long battering at one Member of State, and one Dash of Mr. Woolston's Pen would have turned him into an *Allegory* at once?

Pray Mr. Fog look about you, for I am sure all Mankind are in Danger; for I fear we shall have nothing but *Fairies*, *Allegories* and *Chimeras*; as for my Part, I just began to read his Book, and my Hair began immediately to bristle, and had I not desisted when I did, I am afraid I should have been turned into an *Allegory* or what is worse: Tho' I believe I am a little something tainted, for I begin to look upon Mankind and their Actions to be nothing but Whims, *Allegories* and *Chimeras*; yet I hope the Gentleman will be so civil as not to turn us all into Stones, for these Metamorphoses have been, and what has been may be again.

Certainly Mr. Fog, it is my tender Concern for the good of Mankind, and that all their Actions may not be turned into *Allegories*, that put me upon writing this to you: And I should happen to see it in your Saturday's Journal, I shall really think that it was not an *Allegory* that I wrote to you, but a real Letter from

Yours, &c. R. L.

P. S. Sir I hope you will pardon my pretending to be so familiar with you: *Ridiculum plerumque melius & fortius facit res*. I don't pretend this to be worthy of the Press, but must leave it to your Judgment. The Nonsense of Mr. Woolston's Positions scarce deserve a sober Answer, for if we cannot believe the Facts of an History so well attested as the Facts of our Saviour's Miracles, we have no Reason to believe any Facts at all, and as his Proceedings are a great Detriment to the publick Good

so you will not think it out of the Way that such Things should be taken Notice of, for he has not only published his *Blasphemy* but also vindicated it.

*Wye's Letter Verbatim, London, July 14.*

*Since our last arrived the Mails due from France, and two from Holland.*

**W**E dont hear that the Dutch Squadron is yet arrived at Spithead: Mean Time our Preparations go on for Don Carlos Expedition, notwithstanding the Insinuations of some, as that the Emperor is very powerful, particularly by the Junction of the most of the German Princes, which in Case of a Rupture may endanger certain Possessions there.

On Sunday last Mr. Overs, one of His Majesty's Messengers arrived here with Dispatches from the King of Prussia, who, according to the Advices by the Holland Mail, resolved to form a Camp next Spring, of 20 Battallions and 20 Squadrons near Berlin, and another of 10 Battallions and 40 Squadrons in Prussia, and has by his Minister at Moscow, notified to the Empress of Russia, in a very obliging Manner, the Birth of the Prince, of whom the Queen his Consort was delivered, and the Marriage of the Third Daughter of their Majesty's, with the Hereditary Prince of Brunswick Beveren. The Letters from Vienna continue to assure, That the Emperor will hearken to no Accommodation, but on the Foot of the Quadruple Alliance, and that his Military Preparations are still carried on with Vigour. And by a Holland Mail which is just come to hand, we are informed, that the King of Poland has ordered Saxon Troops to hold themselves in Readiness to march, and that the General of his Horse, and a Minister of the Cabinet was going to Vienna, to execute a Commission of great Importancy with the Emperor, who has dispatcht Orders to the Governor of Rome, to send away 50 heavy Canon, and 20 Mortars to Portolongone. A Courier passed by Berlin the 13th instant from Vienna, going to Moscow, with Dispatches, as it was generally believed, relating to the March of 30000 Russians.

The Spaniards go on with their Preparations in such a Manner, as shew they have nothing so much at heart, as the Execution of the Article of the Treaty relating to the Introduction of Don Carlos into Italy.

'Tis discoursed in some Conversations, that in

Case of a War, there are to be no Hostilities on the Rhine, or in the Netherlands, and that it will be only confined to Italy, but we cannot warrant the Truth of this. Mean Time the Report we had of Cardinal de Fleury being out of Favour, appears to be groundless.

A Row Galley of 40 Oars was launched at Deptford last Thursday, and designed to attend the Fleet when it proceeds upon Don Carlos's Expedition, in order to carry Messages from one Ship to another, as Occasion shall offer.

We hear this Day from Plymouth, that some more of the Transports appointed for the said Expedition, were arrived there. There was this Day a Board of Treasury, at which Sir Robert Walpole was present. Another Cabinet Council is to be held to Night at Windsor. Sir Charles Hotham, late Envoy Extraordinary to the Court of Prussia, arrived at Windsor last Sunday from Berlin, and waited on His Majesty. To Day a Board of Admiralty was held, but no Ship was put in Commission, but 6 Pensioners and 3 Nurses were added to Greenwich Hospital, and 300 superannuated Seamen are to attend the Board next Month, in order, as 'tis said, to add 100 more. The Duke of Courland being dead, we hear that some Moscovite Troops were in Motion on one Side, and some Polish on the other, to take Possession of that Dutchy. The 2 Dutch Outward bound E. India Ships, lately taken by the Algerines, had each on Board 100,000 Ducatoons. They write from Rome, that the Conclave had elected a Pope in Petto.

The Fleet from Barbadoes is arrived, and report, that there has been such a plentiful Crop of Sugar, as has not been known for many Years.

*From the Evening Posts, July 11.*

*Constantinople, May 14.* Several Journeyman Printers are arrived here from Marseilles, to work in the Printinghouse which the Prime Vizier has erected in the Seraglio. A considerable Detachment of Ottoman Troops has been lately sent to the Frontiers of Persia, under the Command of two Seraskiers, to cover our new Conquests against the Enterprizes of Prince Thamas's Forces. We continue our great Preparations for War, and in case of a Rupture with Persa, we hear that Prince Mehemet, the Grand Seignior's eldest Son will take the Field, and make his first Campaign.

*Casabon*



*Cadix, June 23.* We hear from Cadiz by the last Post, that they continue to press Seamen, and to stop without Exception all the Vessels fit for the Transportation of Troops, and all Sorts of Ammunition of War, not only in that Port, but in all the others along the Coast, to make Use of them in that Expedition.

*Basil, July 9.* The Governor of Strasburg has received Orders from his Court to take Care that all the Magazines be well stored. The Imperialists grow daily stronger in Italy, and flatter themselves that the Allies of Seville will not be able to undertake any Thing of Importance this Summer; but that if the intended Expedition in favour of Don Carlos should go on, they have Strength sufficient in Italy to render it of no Effect, and that they should gain Time for a new Negotiation in the Winter.

*Amsterdam, July 18.* They write from Hamburg, that they have an Account from Greenland, that the English have caught six Whales, the Dutch eighteen, and the Hamburgers four.

*Genoa, July 1.* Several Vessels are arrived here from Cadiz, Alicant, and other Ports of Spain, the Masters of which unanimously agree, that the Spaniards continue with great Diligence their Preparations for War; that twelve Men of War were come from Cadiz to Barcelona, that they were forthwith to be followed by fourteen others, and by sixty foreign Ships, that had been hired to serve as Transports; and that at Malaga and Alicant, an Embargo had been laid on all foreign Vessels.

*Milan, July 1.* They write from Spain, that the Troops had begun to embark at Barcelona; but we believe the Spaniards will hardly be able to do any Thing considerable without the Assistance of their Allies. We would have marched some Troops into the Dutchy of Tuscany, but the Great Duke strenuously opposed it; whereupon an Express was sent to Vienna to acquaint the Emperor with it.

*Vienna, July 5.* The Emperor having received Advice that the Court of Spain had dispatched an Express to the King of Sardinia, to acquaint him that the Spanish Fleet was upon the Point of sailing with a good Body of Land Forces, his Imperial Majesty has sent Orders to General Count Merici to form an Army of 40,000 Men, and to act with them as he shall judge it proper. 'Tis confirmed, that the Emperor will not desert from the Letter of the Quadruple Alliance.

*Mexico, July 11.* We hear that in Case of a Rep-

ture, the French Troops in Alsace will be reinforced with 40,000 Men.

*Francfort, July 13.* The five associated Circles are separated, after having taken several Resolutions intirely conformable to the Emperor's Intentions.

*Paris, July 19.* The last Letters from Barcelona advise, that the Intendant of the Principality of Catalonia had hired French and Genoese Barques and Transports for 500,000 Pieces of Eight per Month, besides the English Vessels expected there, to carry the Spanish Troops to Italy, consisting of 42,000 Horse and Foot. That he had already victualled the Ships, and put Store of Provisions on board for three Months, Don Joseph Patinho having furnished him with a Million of Pieces of Eight for that Purpose; and that he expected the General Don Lucas Spinola to be present at the Embarkation.

The Marshal de Villeroy continues dangerously ill.

*Vienna, June 8.* The Emperor has sent Orders to the Governor of Fiume to ship off 30 Pieces of heavy Cannon and 20 Mortars, with all Sorts of Ammunition for Portolongone.

*Francfort, July 16.* They write from Italy, that the Rebellion in Corsica is more formidable than ever.

*London, July 14.* A Board of General Officers is soon to meet, to consider of the Monies due from the late Lieutenant General Mactartney, to the Regiment of Foot commanded by Sir James Wood.

Last Saturday Morning William Neale, Esq; was married to Miss Barbara Ayres, Niece of Sir Thomas Burnet of Leyes in Scotland Bart. a beautiful young Lady of between 6 and 7000 L. Fortune.

Orders have been sent to all the Transports in the River to sail down to Portsmouth, to take on board the Regiments designed to go abroad.

Yesterday in the Afternoon two Boats running against each other in Chelsea Reach, one of them was overfet, by which Accident Mrs. Hollison and her Daughter (a Child about nine Months old) who lodged at Wandsworth were drowned.

*Edinburgh, July 20.* On Thursday last came on before the Rt. Hon. the Barons of his Majesty's Court of Exchequer, a Cause between Capt. Butcher of Montrose Plaintiff, and Mr. Grozart Collector of

of the Customs at Alloa Defendant: (the Hon. Duncan Forbes Esq; Council for the Defendant, and Robert Dundas of Arncliffe Esq; for the Plaintiff) The Case in short thus: About nine Months ago Capt. Butcher's Vessel (bound for Norway) was forcibly drove up the Firth of Forth by an easterly Wind, and was soon after boarded by one of the Yachts at Higgin's Nook near Alloa; whereupon Mr. Grozart Collector appeared for his Majesty's Interest, and under a Protest desired the Captain should instantly enter his Vessel or else he would directly seize all within her liable to be seized. The Captain represented, and said, That he had a Clearance for Norway, to be produced; and that he was willing to give Bond for his failing to his intended Port, and there to unload his Cargo; That as he had not broken Bulk, so he offered to prove, That Boats had come and offered to unload him, lying at Anchor there, which he absolutely refused: However Mr. Grozart forthwith livered the Vessel, save some Trifles; whereupon the Captain abandon'd the Vessel, protesting for Redress. The Jury after inclosing with the Proof, brought in their Verdict, *For the Subject.*

On Saturday last the continued Trial of Thomas Reid late Clerk of Dalkeith was finished, the Jury inclosed, and the same Night returned their Verdict; which, we hear, finds the first Article of the Libel fully proven, &c. whereby the Pannel is subjected to the *Pains of Law.*

Tomorrow (the 18th Day of the Moon) 'tis High Water at *Leith* at 4 o' Clock, 39 Minutes. On Wednesday at 5, 27 Min. On Thursday, at 6, 15 Min.

## ADVERTISEMENT.

*By the Arbiters in the Submission betwixt the Creditors of the Earl of NORTHESK.*

That they being now to proceed to determine the Ranking and Preference of the Creditors, upon the Effects and Funds disposed to them by the Earl. These are therefore to advertise them, and all others concerned, that they may, if they think fit, see and object against one another's Grounds of Debt, now lying in their Clerk's Hands; and to certify those that have not produced their Claims and Vouchers, and depone on the Verity of their Debts, to do in betwixt and the 1st. of August next, otherwise the Arbiters will have no Respect in the Ranking to such as fail so to do. And this by Order of the Arbiters.

WIL. FORBES.

SHH There is to be sold together, or separately, by voluntary Roup, by the Creditors of THOMAS ANDERSON, late Brewer in Newington, in the Laigh Coffee-house of Edinburgh, on the Fifth Day of August next, betwixt the Hours of 3 and 4 in the Afternoon, A complete Brewery, with Well, Copper, Coolers, Tuns, Fat, and hait other Brewing Looms, with Kiln and Coble, Malto-loft, Barns, Stable, and Dwelling house, with other Tenements, Dwelling-houses, Yards and other Conveniences, together with a Grass Park, consisting of at least two Acres, inclosed with a Stone Dyke, all lying in the West-kirk Parish, and South-side of Edinburgh, opposite to the Scheens. The hail Rentals, and Inventory of Writs and Conditions of Sale, are to be seen in the Hands of Thomas Brodie Writer, at Mr. John Macfarlane's Writing-chamber, on the South-side of the Street of Edinburgh, near the Cross.

## By ADJOURNMENT,

*By the Trustees for MERCHSTON and LETHEM their Creditors:*

That the Lands of MOUNT, lying in the Parish of Monimieal and Shire of Fife, and Tensids of the same, holding Taxward of the Crown, and paying of yearly Rent 73 £ 6 sh. 8 d. Scots Money, and 8 Bolls of Oats. Asalso, That the Lands of GLADSTANES and GREENSHEILS, lying in the Parish of Liberton, Barony of Carnwath, and Shire of Lanark, holding Feu of the Laird of Carnwath and paying yearly £ 1668 06 08 Scots of Money, and a Chaldar and an Half of Meal, and half a Chaldar of Bear And also, a TEMPLE LAND in Lamington, paying £ 16 yearly, and holding of the Earl of Haddington. ARE all to be exposed (separately) to Roup and Sale by the said Trustees, on Friday the Thirty-first Inst. in William Gray's Vintner at the Head of Borthwick's close, Edinburgh, betwixt the Hours of 3 & 5 in the Afternoon. The Rentals, Progress, with the Writs and Conditions of Roup of the several Subjects are to be seen in the Hands of JAMES HALLIBURTON, Writer to the Signet and Clerk to the said Trustees, at his Chamber in the Luckenbooths.

Edinburgh, July 10. 1730.

The BARONS of His Majesty's Court of EXCHEQUER give Notice, That they intend to expose to Sale, by Cant or Auction, on Wednesday the 29th Inst. at 12 of the Clock, in the Exchequer Court, the Real Estates of William late Earl of Seaforth and John Grant late of Glenmarishon: The Purchasers Entry thereto to be at Martinmas next ensuing, and to be entitled to this present Crop and Year 1730: Asalso, at the same Time and Place, They will expose to Sale the Rests of the Tenants of the said Estates. The Particulars of which Estates, and Articles and Conditions of Sales, to be seen in the Hands of Mr. BOWLES Deputy Remembrancer.

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